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CASE 4-118-8353B

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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1619

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Examiner: A. Berman

APPLICATION NO: 09/738,212

FILED: DECEMBER 15, 2000

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS OF MACROLIDES OR
CYCLOSPORINE WITH A POLYETHOXYLATED SATURATED
HYDROXY-FATTY ACIDAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated July 18, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Cancel claims 1-19 and add claims 21-33:

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21. (new) A hard gelatin capsule comprising
- (a) a cyclosporin as active ingredient,
 - (b) a polyethoxylated saturated hydroxy-fatty acid, and
 - (c) a C₂-C₃ alcohol having one or two hydroxy groups.
22. (new) A hard gelatin capsule of claim 21 wherein the polyethoxylated saturated hydroxy-fatty acid is the sole surfactant.

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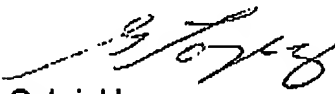
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RE: 09/738,212CASE 4-118-8353B

MESSAGE:

Per your request, attached is a copy of the Reply and Amendment which was originally sent to the USPTO on 1/16/02.

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